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**Subject:** RE: DDT Chat?

Thanks Scott,

I know our staff/managers working on the Montrose Palos Verdes Shelf project are generally on his distribution but this is good to know at our level. We agree that the distinction between coastal response and remediation is and will continue to be important to note as things move forward.

Thanks  
John

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**From:** Scott Lundgren - NOAA Federal <scott.lundgren@noaa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: DDT Chat?

Enrique and John,

Below for your awareness is a thread with David Valentine where his most recent communication relays preliminary plans to convene a fall conference at UCSB on 'coastal chloro contamination', which is not yet publicly announced. He has had involvement in several oil responses in multiple ways, leading me to draw the distinction of our role in coastal response vs remediation. I wanted to ensure your awareness, although you or staff may also be on his distribution separately.

Thanks,  
Scott

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**From:** Scott Lundgren - NOAA Federal <scott.lundgren@noaa.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 12:43 PM  
**Subject:** Re: DDT Chat?  
**To:** David Valentine <valentine@ucsb.edu>  
**Cc:** Christopher Plaisted - NOAA Federal <christopher.plaisted@noaa.gov>

Hi David,

Thank you for the email and appreciate the awareness. Given the various agencies involved with offshore disposal sites, I do feel it also appropriate for me to share with EPA your early stage plans for the fall conference for awareness - emphasizing the fact that it is not yet announced.

While there may be multiple authorities that pertain to your conference topic, given our interactions in past environmental incidents, I wanted to highlight that the overall science coordinator/SSC role you saw OR&R staff play in DWH or Refugio isn't likely to be replicated in the domain of C5 conference topics. Under the National Contingency Plan (NCP), the NOAA SSC principally supports the USCG in their lead role in coastal oil/chemical response, and in general they do not have NCP remedial responsibilities under CERCLA/Superfund. That said, through our Assessment and Restoration Division, we do have a wide range of technical and trustee/natural resource injury connections with EPA related to Superfund.

Thanks,  
Scott



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On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 8:07 PM David Valentine <[valentine@ucsb.edu](mailto:valentine@ucsb.edu)> wrote:

Hi Scott, Chris:

I am just emailing with a brief update on this thread. There are various activities going on from the academic front with this topic and I remain available to chat if and when that time is appropriate. Mainly I wanted to give you a heads-up that I am in the early stages of pulling together a community-building workshop on DDT-related topics stemming from the recent realization of widespread industrial waste dumping in the California Borderland. Preliminary details are below including an aspiration to hold the event in person this Fall. Please do not distribute this further yet as planning is still at the early stages, but do let me know if there are others (particularly within NOAA or among other federal agencies) you think I should invite to participate. So far we have about 30 scientists working in this area that have expressed a desire to attend, but I think it could be a good opportunity for agency folks to interact with the engaged academic scientific community.

#### Save The Date

Event: California Coastal Chloro Contamination Conference (C5)

Tentative dates: October 18 & 19, 2021

Venue: UC Santa Barbara, in person (pandemic willing)

What is it: This two day workshop is designed as a community building exercise for scientists and other stakeholders interested in (any aspects of) DDT and related chlorinated pollutants along the California Coast.

Details: This two day workshop is being designed in accordance with research and service missions of the University of California. The first day of the workshop will be open to all stakeholders and will focus on scientific presentations by researchers in the field, divided into topical sessions. The second day of the workshop will be targeted toward specific scientific planning exercises to address key unknowns and consider future collaborative opportunities, and will be limited to active scientific researchers.

Support: UCSB Office of Research; UCSB Marine Science Institute

Cheers,

Dave



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On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 2:53 PM David Valentine <[valentine@ucsb.edu](mailto:valentine@ucsb.edu)> wrote:

Thank you Scott, I appreciate the feedback. One of the possible paths forward involves leveraging academic capacity and assets for the deep water component of this, which is what I was hoping to communicate about. I think NOAA has an opportunity to engage stakeholders on this, directly or by proxy, though I recognize that the legal aspect, agency mandates, and transcendence of the line offices could all cause challenges. I remain available to chat - once NOAA works out its role, or in the development of that role.

Cheers,

Dave

On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 2:05 PM Scott Lundgren - NOAA Federal <[scott.lundgren@noaa.gov](mailto:scott.lundgren@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Dave,

Thanks for the emails on this site and your work. The DDT site is complicated, involving multiple parts of NOAA and legal considerations that relate to the Montrose NRDA settlement. We are currently working through what NOAA's role is going to be given this context and the increased awareness and interest. I appreciate your willingness to chat, but such a discussion is premature at this time. We will certainly keep it in mind.

Hope all is well,

Scott



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On Fri, Nov 6, 2020 at 2:13 PM David Valentine <[valentine@ucsb.edu](mailto:valentine@ucsb.edu)> wrote:

Hi Scott,

There was quite a bit of interest generated by the LA Times article, and I've been engaged on several fronts with the 'what next' question. There are some interesting hybrid federal-academic models. Are you interested to chat about this?

Cheers,

Dave

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